COMMISSION DECISION

of 24 May 1978

authorizing the Italian Republic not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of cotton (other than gauze, terry fabrics, narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics, tulle and other net fabrics), unbleached, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE code 55.09-74), originating in Hungary and in free circulation in the other Member States

(Only the Italian text is authentic)

(78/495/EEC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular the first paragraph of Article 115 thereof,

Having regard to the application under the first paragraph of Article 115 of the Treaty, made on 9 May 1978 by the Italian Government to the Commission of the European Communities, for authorization not to apply Community treatment to woven fabrics of cotton (other than gauze, terry fabrics, narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics, tulle and other net fabrics), unbleached, falling within heading No ex 55.09 of the Common Customs Tariff (NIMEXE code 55.09-74), originating in Hungary and in free circulation in the other Member States,

Whereas the importation into the Community of the products in question originating in Hungary is subject to a Community quantitative quota allocated among the Member States by Commission Regulation (EEC) No 671/78 of 3 April 1978 [1];

Whereas it was not possible on that occasion to allocate these quotas on the basis of the needs of the individual markets; whereas for that reason disparties persist between the import conditions in the various Member States; whereas uniformity can be achieved only progressively;

Whereas according to the application submitted there are serious difficulties in the industrial sector concerned, involving a considerable drop in production and employment and a progressive decline in its market share;

Whereas although the imports which gave rise to the application submitted would appear to be an isolated operation, they are nevertheless likely, owing to the appreciable amount of the imports, to aggravate these difficulties;

Whereas it is not possible to set in motion rapidly the machinery for bringing about the necessary cooperation from the other Member States;

Whereas authorization should accordingly be given for the application of the protective measures under the first paragraph of Article 115, subject to the conditions specified in the Commission Decision of 12 May 1971 [2] and in particular Article 1 thereof,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Italian Republic is hereby authorized not to apply Community treatment to the products indicated below, where they originate in Hungary and are in free circulation in the other Member States, and in respect of which applications for import licences were lodged after 4 May 1978 and are, on the date of this Decision, pending with the Italian authorities:

CCT heading No	Description
ex 55.09 (NIMEXE code 55.09-74)	Woven fabrics of cotton (other than gauze, terry fabrics, narrow woven fabrics, pile fabrics, chenille fabrics tulle and other net fabrics), unbleached

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Italian Republic.

Done at Brussels, 24 May 1978.

For the Commission

Étienne DAVIGNON

Member of the Commission

(1) OJ No L 96, 10. 4. 1978, p. 1.

(2) OJ No L 121, 3. 6. 1971, p. 26.